HOME EDITION

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TUESDAY EVENING.

THIS EDITION 2 CENTS

CORONERS 'PROBE' FOR COUNTY HOME LANSING IS IN FRANK DEATH **ENDS IN FIASCO**

Jury Retires Without Word on Identity of Mob.

Verdict, in 3 Minutes, Accuses "Unknown Parties."

Not a Single Witness Throws Light on Hangmen.

Ex-Sheriff Knew Prisoner in Capper by the state board of control Car, But Not Kidnapers.

a, m., the coroner's jury inquiring into the lynching of Leo M. Frank, refired to consider its verdict without having heard any testimony concern- of ing the identity of any person connected with the affair.

The jury in three minutes returned a verdict that Frank "came to his death by hanging at the hands of "Some of the best men and women death by hanging at the hands of

Big Crowd at Inquiry.

"As I came up two men were runhing out of the woods. One of them was Joe Carter and the other man was a man they told me was representing the Associated Press I also saw W. Country "Firesides." J. Frey. E. L. Roomson and W. A.

Sams,"
"Was Frank dead?"

J. Bart Wing, a Coob county com-missioner, was the next witness. He also was among the first to reach the

OIL STILL ROCKETING

Five Cents a Barrel Added; Third Advance in Two Weeks.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 24.—Five cents a barrel was added to the price of the principal grades of crude oil today when the South Penn Oil company annonnced the following rates:
Pennsylvania crude, \$1.60: Mercer
Black, New Castle and Cabell, \$1.20:
Corning, \$1.06.

Two cents was tacked to Ragland, bringing it to 65 cents, but there was no change in Somerset. This is the third advance within two weeks.

FRENCH SOLDIERS ENDOW THREE SCHOLARSHIPS IN CAPITAL FOR AMERICANS

Paris for three scholarships for Americans to be endowed and perpetuated as a monument of grattude for the sympathy which America has shown to France during the war. News of this ac-tion was received at the head-quarters of the fund in this city

Captain De Poilies wrote that captain be Points wrote that all branches of the army are supporting the plan. The scholar-ships are in music art and sculp-ture and will be known as the Lafayette fund scholarships of

the army. The captain wrote more than 10,000 soldiers had been comforted by the kits forwarded to them by the Lafayette fund.

Board of Control Would Take

Care of Kansas Aged.

Recommendations of Body to Governor Capper.

DON'T TAKE CHILDREN AWAY

Parents May Need Financial Aid and Support.

ANYIHING Humanitarians May Not Have Money Making Talent.

> A state system of county homes on the colony plan for the care of the aged is recommended to Governor

in its forthcoming annual report "The state has institutions for one class of its aged, who have no ade-Marietta, Ga., Aug. 24.-At 11:40 quate means of support-ex-soldiers, their wives and widows, and army nurses—but it makes no provision for the soldiers in industry," the report says. "We should have a system of county homes on the colony plan, where the aged may have their homes and help make their living. Some of

death by hanging at the hands of parties unknown."

W. F. Frey, former sheriff of Cobb county, on whose place Frank was hanged, testified that while he recognized Frank as he was whisked by his house in a motorcar, he failed to recognize any of the men who held him captive.

"Some of the best men and women the who have ever lived, and who have done the most for humanity, did not possess the money-making talent. Many deserving men and women have worked hard for thirty or forty years, and, through influences over which they had no control, were brought to want in the end. They must either conditions the control of the best men and women the who have ever lived, and who have done the most for humanity, did not possess the money-making talent. Many deserving men and women the work have ever lived, and who have done the most for humanity, did not possess the money-making talent. Many deserving men and women have worked hard for thirty or forty years, and, through influences over which the succession of the most for humanity, did not possess the money-making talent. Many deserving men and women have worked hard for thirty or forty years, and, through influences over which they had no control, were brought to want in the end. They must either the worked hard for thirty or forty years, and, through influences over which they had no control, were brought to possess the money-making talent. Many deserving men and women have worked hard for thirty or forty years, and, through influences over which they had no control, were brought to want in the end. They must either the most for humanity, and no control was a succession of the most for humanity and no control was a succession of the most for humanity and no control was a succession of the most for humanity. Witnesses Tell Nothing.

Other witnesses were remarkable for what they lid not know concerning the lynching party.

Want in the end. They must either suffer, beg or go to the poor house. The country has had the benefit of their work, and justice and humanity demand that they be adequately and kindly provided for in their day.

Keep the Children.

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Attorney John T. Dorsey of Marietta builded. It asserts that a step is in liquid. the state of Georgia. this direction in the mothers' pension

creasing, Says Mohler.

Country "Firesides."

"Was there any mutilation of the body?"

No. sir. The only mark I saw was the cut in the neck that had been opened by the rope."

Death Due to Strangulation.

Dr. W. M. Kemp, another physician, testiffied that Frank's death was the to strangulation, "Do you know anything about the commission of this act?" asked Mr. Dersey.

Nothing whatever."

The average Kansas family is raplicated in the compilation of the body? "Galveston, Texas, Aug. 24.—There have been no additions to the casualty lists as a result of last week's tropical storm, "ither in this city or from all other storm, wither in this city or from along the Texas coast.

Relief work is well in hand and will be carried on vigorously in all cases where there is need.

Restoration of the city's water supply is expected by late afternoon. In the meanting there is ample yearer for drinking, cooking and for live-"

The census reports of ten years ago

gave the average Kansas family 4.77 members, while five years ago there were 4.32 persons to the family, and J. C. Mohler, secretary of the board of agriculture, asserts that this year's census will show that the average family has in it about 4.25 persons.

The census reports, which will be made public in about sixty days, indicate also that there are the contents of the cont

The Temperature This Morning Was 6 Degrees Below Normal.

Generally fair weather prevailed in Kansas today. There have been scattered showers in the southeast section of the state in the last twen-ty-four hours and showers too light to measure in the west. The minito measure in the west. The mini-mum temperatures at Kansas stations today were abnormally low for this date. The low mark at Topeka was 59 degrees at 6 o'clock; normal is

The stage of the Kaw river at To-peka today was 19.6 feet, a fall of half a foot in twenty-four hours. The forecast calls for generally fair weather tonight and probably Wednesday.

Wednesday.

The temperature averaged ten degrees below normal at Topeka today.

The wind was twelve miles an hour from the northwest this afternoon. The hourly readings:
7 o'clock ... 60 | 11 o'clock ... 67
8 o'clock ... 62 | 12 o'clock ... 69

9 o'clock 64 10 o'clock 66 1 o'eloek... Weather Forecast for Kansas.

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West, Davenport sent up an insistent Wednesday; probably warmer Wednes-

Employees Testify Regarding Conditions at Prison.

Mines Are in Better Shape Than Ever Before.

BOTKIN HAS MADE REFORMS

Has Issued Orders Abolishing the Straight Jacket.

Deposed Warden to Be Heard in His Own Defense.

Lansing, Kan. Aug. 24.-Prison employees who testified here today as to the management of the state penitentiary in the hearing of charges against Warden J. D. Botkin, declare: that the prison was being run as smoothly as in former administrations. Levi Day, pit boss in the who has been working there for five years, stated that the conditions of the mines was better now than it had ever been. John Badwell, a mine boss, who has been on the job for sixteen years, informed the commission that Botkin had isthe commission that Botkin had is-sued an order to discontinue the use

of straightpackets and gags.

Warden Botkin probably will go to
the stand in his own defense late this which afternoon or tomorrow morning. Day, who testified as to the mine conditions, has worked in other mines in the state and he declared on the stand that the "prison mine was a paradise as compared with some private mines he knew of." With the exception of one section, the air con-

ditions in the prison mines are good, When the time for the jury to assemble arrived, the coroner decided to transfer the inquest to the county court house to accommodate the large crowd.

Recp the Children.

The attorneys for the state on the separation of children from parents who are unable financially to support them should not be allowed, asserting the pumping station and on the farm crowd. out the fact that prisoners working at the pumping station and on the farm got supplies and traded them for liquor. Bedwell admitted that this Gordon Gann acted as special attorney for Coroner Booth. There was some talk early in the day of holding twenties court next be strengthened to the inquest in executive session, but the idea of secrecy was soon dismissed.

The jury was composed of six resistents of the county, Dr. W. H. Perkinson being the foreman.

Dr. C. D. Elder, the first witness, testified to viewing the body of Frank while it was still hanging in the oak. was the practice and that it had been condition of affairs also has existed for several years, long before Botkin became warden, Bedwell stated. He also testified that Botkin had sent special guards to the pumping station to keep down this mingling of the prisoners and Leavenworth women.

made public in about sixty to a cate also that there are but two Kansar counties in which there are no negro citizens. These are Rawlins and Kearny. In Comanche county, however, of a population of 4.608 persons, there is but one negro resident. In making their rounds the assessors found 26 pairs of twins under the age of nine years and two pairs of triplets.

Tokio, Aug. 24.—Premier Okuma and Minister of War Oka have paid a visit to Nikko to report to the emperor plans for increasing the supply of using British passenger steamers."

DEBORAH DRURY DEAD DEBORAH DRURY DEAD Services at 92. lies in the war. Afterwards the premier and war minister conferred at length with the ambassadors of the allied powers. Orders have been dispatched to the

foundries and factories of the em-pire that are engaged in the production of munitions, to rush their work.

TAFT BARS MILITANTS

Refuses to Received Delegation From Congressional Union.

Portland. Ore., Aug. 24,—Former President William H. Taft declined to receive a party of Congregational Union suffragists at his hotel here yesterday, it became known today. Mrs. Lee Davenport of this city led the delegation, which was composed of a dozen women. At the hotel they sent word to Mr. Taft that they desired to lay before him their propaganda. Mr. Taft sent back an answer, written in his own hand and couched in courteous terms, saying his schedule of engagements for the day was fell and that he courted to the sent that the s full and that he could not possibly re-

reply, but Mr. Taft stood firm.

IS BERLIN WORD TO WASHINGTON

Emperor Breaks Silence Following Arabic Sinking.

Asks No Final Stand Be Taken Till Truth Is Known.

WILSON WILL WAIT AWHILE

for Report. First Ray of Promise in Ad-

mittedly Grave Situation.

Gerard Is Instructed to Watch

New York, Aug. 21.—If it was due to the action of a German submarine that American citizens lost their lives in the torpedoing of the steamship Arabic, such action was contrary to the intentions of the German government, according to official advices received today by the German ambassador from Berlin and telegraphed by him to Washington. It was also said in the communi-It was also said in the communi-cation that the German govern-ment would deeply regret such a loss of life and would tender the sincerest sympathies to the Amer-ican government.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Count von Bernstorff, in his telegram, said that if any Americans had been killed "it was contrary to the intention of the German government," and that it was not the intention of the German government to sink any penceful merement to sink any penceful merement. erment to sink any peaceful mer-chant ships in a flagrant manner,

Washington, Aug. 24 .- Germany, through her ambassador, Count Von Bernstorff, today asked the United cents States not to take a final stand on the sinking of the Whife Star liner action Arabic until all the facts were known. It was the first word from Germany since the disaster.

Count Von Bernstorff, telegraphing

Berlin. Aug. 24.—(Via London.)— provid. No further details concerning the days o sinking of the Arabic have been pub-that he lished here and the Berlin papers re-he is

don Telegraph, quoting Joseph P. from Brewster and put in his claim Tumulty, President Wilson's secretary, as saying that Americans are unitedly Just a Little Too Much.

Pioneer Expires at 92.

She was in her ninety-second year.

New Orleans, Aug. 24.—A. F. Leonord, formerly president of the New Orleans Board of Trade and until recently postmaster here, died suddenly today in Denyer. He was 54 years old.

Providing contentions of county of ficials, headed by MacFarland, are sustained by Brewster, the question is raised by MacFarland as to whether or not the money obtained in excess old. New Orleans Ex-Postmaster Dead.

BERLIN IS DEVELOPING A NEW PEACE SCHEME

London, Aug. 24.—A "new peace scheme" is being developed in Berlin, the Amsterdam correspondent reported today.

The scheme will be disclosed to the world within a fortnight, if Gernan plans do not miscarry, the correspondent said.

STORM BREAKS

Several County Officials Are in Open Rebellion.

Action of the Board of Commissioners Is Resented.

THEY THREATEN RETALIATION

Hold That Board Members Draw Too Much Salary.

Paid for Six Days a Week and Work Only Two.

Dark and threatening clouds which for more than a week have been hanging low over the Shawnee county court house broke into a storm today when the county officials anday when the county officials an-nounced that they would ask for an company, stated today that arrangeopinion from the office of S. H. Brewster, attorney general, as to whether or not the county commissioners are drawing a higher sclary than the sta-tute provides. Officials at the court house have chosen this manner of picking up the gauntlet, which they claim was thrown down to them by the county commissioners when the commissioners on Monday, August 16, made sweeping reductions in the expenses of practically all county of-fices, to cover a \$11,000 deficit in the finances of the fiscal year of 1914-15. Mutterings broke into a roar at the court house this morning when the statute covering commissionerss' sal-aries was pointed out.

Statute overs It.

The statute reads:
"Each member of the board of county commissioners of the several counties of the state shall receive as full compensation for his services for the county, the sum of \$5 per day, and shall be allowed to receive five cents per mile for each mile actually and necessarily traveled in the trans-action of any of the duties of said

Arabic until all the facts were known.

It was the first word from Germany since the disaster.

Count Von Bernstorff telegraphed the state department today saying he make the request at the instruction of his government and added that the German admiralty had not yet been able to get a report on the sinking.

Von Bernstorff Wires Plea.

Count Von Bernstorff, telegraphing

Arabic until all the facts were known.

The statute names \$1,500 a year as the maximum salary of commissioners in counties with population between 50,000 and 75,000. When the wigorous economy moves were made by the commissioners recently they also silced \$25 a month from their months. Prior to these four months the commissioners had been voting themselves \$125 a month each to

became warden, seewer stated that Botkin had seem to apply to all dependent children and severe near the Frey cotton gin. Dr. Bad Boys From Cities.

Bed Boys Fr Public Utilities at Galveston
Soon in Operation.

Virtually Every Store in City
Reopened for Business.

In its opinion, justify the action of the submarine commander. It comes as the first ray of promise on a situation which admittedly was growing darker with each hour of silence on the part of Germany.

Now, in view of the ambassador's request, the state department can do nothing but wait a reasonable time for word from Berlin. Ambassador Gerard has been instructed to watch for a report, but has not been told to ask for one.

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After Campbell, Too.

After Campbell, Too. In addition to MacFarland's show ing, another equally as interesting promises to grow out of the cut made in the office of J. A. Campbell, jr., county surveyor. In their economy move the county commissioners pro move the county commissioners pro-vided that the county surveyor will only be paid for three days' work each week instead of six. Campbell is far from satisfied with the ruling of the commissioners and points out that the statute governing his office provides that it shall be kept open six. days out of the week. Campbell says that he does not want to holler before he is hurt and is not relieving his frain from commenting upon the situation resulting from that event.

The newspapers publish what purports to be a brief dispatch to the "on-However, it

with the president and will, if necessary, offer their lives to maintain the rights of Americans on land and sea. morning that the county commission-The Kreuz Zeitung says:
"These rights, as is known, consist money for the amount of time put in them. Garver, however, refuses by them. Garver, however, refuses to take any definite steps toward obtaining an opinion or taking the mat-ter up in any way until the return of W. E. Atchison, county attorney, who is away on his vacation. When Atch-ison returns the real fireworks are expected to begin. It is also around the county attorney's borah Smith Drury, one of the first women in the United States admitted to the practice of medicine and an associate of Lucy Stone Blackwell in the equal suffrage movement.

of the county every day whether in on or otherwise, working for its

Pay It Back?

or not the money obtained in excess by the commissioners shall or shall not be paid back to the county.

MacFarland plans to ask for an teachers' federation, was among the opinion through the county attorney's office. probably upon the return of

Taggart to Go to Montana.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—Congressman Joseph Taggart of the Second Kansas district left Monday for Kansas. He will remain at his home in Kansas City for a few days, after which he will go to Kalispell, Mont., where he will join his family, who are spending a few months at that place. He expects to return to Washington about September 19.

of the maneman.

"It is ridiculous for the rules committee," she said, "to assume that they can control the destiny of 4,969 persons who have been adjudged of sufficient intelligence to teach their children."

The federation is one of the most powerful organizations of its kind in the country. It is affiliated with the Chicago Federation of Labor

MILLS' NEW PLAN RUSS AT COURT HOUSE Big Dry Goods Company Is Reorganized Today.

Working Capital Raised From \$300,000 to \$450,000.

OVER \$80,000 SUBSCRIBED

Confidence in "Big Store" Shown at Outset.

of Directors.

Stockholders of the Mills Dry Goods company at a meeting held in the Mills building late today author ized plans for the reorganization of the company. The capitalization will be increased from \$300,000 to \$400, 000 or \$450,000.

The additional stock will be prements have already been made for placing \$80,000 of this stock, mainly among the presentstockholders. This fact goes to show that the stoc ers have utmost confidence in the future of the confern. "Topeka First," Is Slogan,

Topeka investors will be given an opportunity to become holders of this preferred stock. "We think Topeka should come first in all things," said President Mills. "The new plan will give the com-pany greater working capital," said David Bowie, a director, "and make

more easy the carrying on of the business of the company."
"The Big Store" would be a credit to even a larger city than Topcka. It is one of the institutions that go to make Topeka the greatest retail center of the state.

No Change in Officers.

In speaking of the plans today, President Mills stated that he did not look for any change in the staff of officers.
The officers are: W. W. Mills, president; A. M. Mills, secretary; L. G. Thorpe, treasurer. Directors are: W. W. Mills, Thomas Page, David Bowie, George J. Crosman, W. L. Trump and L. G. Thorpe, Topeka; and A. D. Kendall, Valley Falls. A. M. Mills withdrew from the firm

Balkan State Ready to Strike in World War.

All Rolling Stock to War Minister Sept. 14.

Cologne, Aug. 24 .- (via London)-According to the Cologne Gazette, the and mine combats. railways of Rumania have received orders to place all rolling stock at the disposition of the minister of war on

PROTECTORATE

to Control Government Affairs in Haiti.

Republic Given 10 Days to danger of capture, said this ficial.

Agree to Wilson Plan.

Port Au Prince, Haiti, Aug. 24.—
The American government has addressed the covernment of Posts.

Prefrograd in No Danger.

"We do not believe that Petrograd is in any danger of capture by the Germans. Ample forces have been concentrated to insure safety if they should proceed in the direction of the capital. dressed the government of Haiti, expressing its desire that there be accepted without delay the druft of a convention for ten years, under which there shall be established an effective control of Haiti customs, as well as administration of the finances of the country, under a receiver general and American employes.

Under the term of the convention, both municipal and rural police are to

both municipal and rural police are to be natives; under the command, how-ever, of American officers. The plan includes the arrangement of the debts of Halti to foreigners and an engagement to cede no Haitien territory to any foreign power except the United

The Haltien government is requested to reply to this communication not later than noon of Wednesday. TEACHERS REBEL

Four Thousand Educators in Chicago May Strike.

Object to Rule Designed to Break Up Federation.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Four thousand members of the Chicago Teachers' association will not sit idly by and let the school board pass the committee resolution giving teachers the alternative of quitting their jobs,

more "intensely aroused" mem

Mrs. Furmann was indignant over what she declared was the

BY THE TEUTONS

Slavs Lose Vessel at Entrance of Gulf of Finland.

Germans Remain Silent Concerning Russian Claims.

No Change in Officers or Board SHROUD OVER OSTEND BATTLE

Only News Tells of Sinking of Teuton Patrol Boat.

Kaiser's Forces Storm Hill Southwest of Brest-Litovsk.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—(By wireless to Sayville)—The German ad-miralty today announced that a German submarine had torpedoed and sunk a Russian auxiliary ship at the entrance to the Gulf of Berlin, Aug. 24.—(Via London)
—A hill at Kopytow, to the southwest of the Russian fortress of
Brest-Litovsk, has been stormed
by the Teutonic forces, according
to an official statement given out
today by the German army head.

today by the German army head-London, Aug. 24.—The latest details oncerning the Riga naval battle have failed to clear up the situation. Petro-grad advices make it apparenty cer-tain that the Germans met serious reverses, although Berlin officials re-main silent concerning the Russian claims. The Russians now state that an additional cruiser must be added to those already reported sunk or put out of action. Whether the German out of action. Whether the German battle cruiser attacked by a British submarine was sunk remains to be told, the official report from Petrograd having given no details beyond stating that she was torpedoed.

Except for the report from the marine ministry at Paris concerning the sinking of a German patrol boat off Ostend, which is admitted by Berlin, no official news has been received of the results of the allied bombardment of German positions on the Belgian The Russian armies have not stop-

ped the Austro-German advances, although they are compelling the cen-tral powers to fight for every step won. Severe encounters continue be-fore Brest-Litovsk, but the Baltic cam-paign is making little progress, al-though a decisive stroke there by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has been long expected.

On the western front, with the exception of an infantry attack, which is said to have won for the French some German trenches in the Vosges, the warfare is marked by compara-tively ineffectual artillery and bomb

PETROGRAD DECLARED SAFE.

Russian War Office Views Situation

With Confidence. Petrograd. Aug. 24.—Prank admis-sion that the important cities of Vilna and Bialystok will shortly fall into the hands of the Germans, thus severing the Petrograd-Polish railway, was the Petrograd-Polish railway, was made by a high official of the Russian war office today. Our forces, however, will retain two trunk lines and several branches

sufficient to withdraw our men from Petrograd in No Danger.

The idea that the Germans have pressing its desire that there be ac-cepted without delay the draft of a the war official. "This is just what

There is no concealing the fact that the recent difficulty errors we have made in the past, we have firm confidence they will be followed by a reign of complete triumph. The war office official urged the

The war office official people to repose the fullest confidence in the success of the allied forces in the attack on the Dardanelles. "That the progress of the ailes seems slow, is true, but our triumph is not far distant, and the result that we will finally achieve, will be enormous," said the war official.

EVENTS IN THE WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

Germans renew offensive in North France, but Paris reports French, English and Belgians are holding them in check. German report is that 10,000 French have en taken prisoners and Longwy Belgium denies Namur has fall-

en, saying blowing up of one fort used report. Zeppelin drops bombs on Antwerp, killing seven, and is brought down by artillery fire near city. Invading Russian army defeated

Germans at Stolluponen, cavalry contributing to German suc-Itussia reports two great armies

East Prussia.

Premier Asquith tells parliament that the war probably will strain empire's resources and entail sacrifices.

Three thousand Products I Three thousand Russians leave Vladivostock to join in attack of Japanese on Tsng-Tao.

Servia announces clearing of her

of Austrian troops by battle Premier Salandra assures Italdeputies that mobilization in

not imminent.

New York, Aug. 24.—Soldiers of the French army have ar-canged for the establishment in